

December 18, 2020 Lincolnshire E-News

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

[Park Board Meeting](#)

Monday, December 21, 2020
7:00 pm

[Christmas Eve Holiday - Village Offices Closed](#)

Wednesday, December 23, 2020 - Thursday, December 24, 2020

[Christmas Holiday - Village Offices Closed](#)

Thursday, December 24, 2020 - Friday, December 25, 2020

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NEWS

[Village of Lincolnshire Approves Fiscal Year 2021 Budget](#)

The Village of Lincolnshire Board of Trustees approved the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY '21) budget during the Regular Village Board meeting on December 14. The FY '21 budget was carefully crafted to consider resident input and concern, meet or exceed financial policies and goals, address uncertainty due to COVID-19, and accomplish key capital projects to improve the quality of life for Lincolnshire residents. The Village is proud to maintain a balanced

budget ensuring fiscal stewardship of taxpayer funds and mitigate the need for debt. The Village Board met in-person and virtually to discuss the FY '21 budget on October 28, November 9 & 23, and December 14.

The following are budget highlights for FY '21:

Infrastructure

- \$4.5 million in sanitary sewer improvements, as well as water and sewer capital improvements on the final phases of the Crosstown Water Main project.
- 1.5 miles of road resurfacing.
- Road reconstruction in South Village Green.

Equipment

- Three Police Department squad cars.
- Video equipment and software for police officer body and in-car cameras.
- One 1-ton Public Works dump truck.

Parks

- \$125,000 to replace the North Park athletic court.
- Entrance sign replacements at various parks.
- Bridge refurbishing at Rivershire Park.

To address the economic impact of COVID-19, Village officials took a conservative approach and cut nearly \$380,000 in expenditures. Some of these actions include, but are not limited to:

- Implemented a hiring freeze and keeping existing vacancies in full-time positions unfilled.
- Eliminating a wage increase for all non-union Village staff.
- Cut seasonal positions and eliminate lifeguards at Spring Lake Beach.
- Reduce professional service expenses related to outside engineering.
- Postpone non-essential capital projects and equipment purchases.

The FY '21 budget provides flexibility to adjust if circumstances warrant while continuing to move forward with important initiatives that will benefit Lincolnshire residents for years to come.

Minor Property Tax Increase Approved

The Village of Lincolnshire Board of Trustees approved the 2020 property tax levy during the Regular Village Board meeting on December 14. Lincolnshire's tax rate – which was not increased for eight consecutive years – will experience a modest increase of 3.73%, raising the rate from 0.241 to 0.250 per \$100 assessed valuation. The average Lincolnshire homeowner can anticipate a \$15 property tax increase on their \$500,000 market value home due to the 3.73% increase. Read more [HERE](#).

Unemployment Scam Alert

Victim of a fake unemployment scam? Online police reporting is available [HERE](#). After filing a police report using this portal, please make sure to contact the [Illinois Department of Employment Security \(IDES\)](#). An initial call will schedule a call back by IDES in which IDES will then attempt to contact you within a short time frame. If they are unable to make contact with you after two attempts, they will consider the matter closed. You will then have to re-contact IDES to schedule a new call back time. For additional information, click [HERE](#).



Travel Safe and Smart this Winter

Tips for a safer winter travel season include:

- Equip car with a winter survival kit such as an ice scraper, snow shovel, and sand/salt
- Ensure tires have proper pressure and effective tread to handle wintry conditions
- Keep windshield washer reservoir full and ensure wiper blades are in good working condition
- Maintain at least two-thirds tank of gas to make certain you have a source of heat should you get stuck or stranded

- Use caution driving near snowbanks as they can limit your view of traffic
- Slow down and increase your following distance as road conditions and visibility deteriorate
- Be extra cautious on bridges, overpasses, and exit ramps as they are commonly the first areas to become icy
- Avoid using cruise control in snowy or icy conditions because you want as much control of your vehicle as possible
- If you must travel in extreme winter conditions, let someone know and have a plan to contact that person when you arrive safely at your destination; avoid using your cell phone while driving as all of your attention should be on arriving safely
- Take the time to properly clear snow and ice off your car, especially your windows and headlights for improved visibility and your exhaust pipe to avoid carbon dioxide poisoning

Lake County Health & Wellness

Check out the new [Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center publication](#). Learn how to keep your family safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Petition Filing - April 2021 Consolidated Election

For candidates seeking office for April 6, 2021, Consolidated Election, the filing period is from Monday, December 14 - December 21, 2020. Filing will conclude at 5 p.m. on Monday, December 21. **Petition packets are available [HERE](#).** The Village of Lincolnshire is accepting candidate petition papers for 3 four-year Trustee terms. A petitioner must obtain a minimum of 20 signatures (max 70) on their petition in order to be considered to be placed on the ballot. A copy of the Illinois 2021 Candidate Guide can be found [HERE](#). Individuals who have any questions regarding petitions, filing, or objections should contact the Lake County Clerk's Office at 847-377-2400 or the Lake County Clerk's [website](#).

The Holiday Season Is the Perfect Time to Sign Up for a Vacation Watch

Whether you're going away for the holidays or escaping the cold, register your home with the Police Department's Vacation Watch program for peace of mind. Police officers will check the exterior of your home, and you'll receive notifications if issues are discovered.

Vacation Watch requests are submitted online in a matter of minutes [HERE](#).

You should also tell a trusted neighbor about your vacation plans as an added safety reminder. Share information about any services (e.g., landscaping, painting) being completed or if a relative/friend is checking on your home while you're away. Immediately report any unrecognizable or suspicious vehicles parked on the street or in the driveway of your neighbor's home who is away. Don't let yourself or your neighbors become the victims of a residential burglary.



VACATION WATCH

Provide us the details of your property and the date ranges you will be gone. Once added to our database, your property will be added to our list of vacation watches for officers to check on (time-permitting).



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